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SUBJ: IDENTIFICATION MILITARY COUP LEADERS:

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1. LOCAL MEDIA CARRY HINTS COL MU'AMMAR AL-QADHAAFI MAY BE STRONG MAN SEP. 1 REVOLUTION. IN ADDITION INDICATIONS REFTEL EMBASSY HAS NOTED FLOOD CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAMS FROM ARMY OFFICERS AND OTHERS. ONE TELEGRAM ADDRESSED HIM AS RCC PRESIDENT. QADHAAFI'S CONTINUED USE OF FIRST PERSON PRONOUN IN LIVE SPEECH TO ARMED FORCES MAY BE SIGNIFICANT. QUOTE: MY HEART WAS WITH YOU WHEN I ISSUED MY INSTRUCTIONS TO YOU THAT NIGHT, INSTRUCTIONS THAT CARRIED DEATH... RCC HAS ENTRUSTED ME WITH DIFFICULT TASK. I FEEL IMPORTANCE THIS TASK. THIS IS MY DESTINY. I PLEDGE TO YOU BEFORE OUR LOYAL PEOPLE TO BE CLOSE TO YOU. UNQTE.

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